

## Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notices

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing applications for the following project for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision. You may submit comments in writing on any of these projects to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
Attention: 401 Coordinator

<b>Project Applicant</b>	United Launch Alliance
<b>Applicant's Agent</b>	N/A
<b>Project Name</b>	Maintenance Dredging and Kelp Mitigation at Vandenberg Harbor
<b>Receiving Water</b>	Pacific Ocean
<b>City/County</b>	Vandenberg Air Force Base/ Santa Barbara
<b>Public Notice</b>	6/1/07 to 6/21/07
<b>Project Description</b>	

The purpose of this project is to prepare the harbor for the arrival of the M/V Delta Mariner in support of delivery of the Delta IV rocket to Vandenberg in January of 2008.

The project activities include: maintenance dredging to a depth of 12 feet. Maintenance dredging will occur as necessary to maintain a minimum depth of 10 feet, and may be required annually. If dredging is performed annually, predicted sediment volumes will be 1500-5000 cubic yards per dredging event. It will take an estimated 1-3 weeks to dredge the harbor.

Mitigations will include: kelp mitigation will be implemented in conjunction with the maintenance dredging and will consist of the placing 150 tons of rocky substrate between the breakwater and the mooring dolphins. Mitigation will be considered successful if the kelp has achieved at least 0.27 acres of surface cover in the mitigation area by the end of three years.

A Categorical Exemption was declared for this project.

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